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SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Let me time be running. I want to speak to Senator Erdman off the mike.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute. About 30 seconds. It's time. Your light is next, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you. Mr. President, in order to be collegial, I will withdraw my pending amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Erdman. Senator Erdman would move to reconsider the Raikes amendment, FA1186...I'm sorry, AM0548.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, to open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I've spoken with Senator Raikes. He is agreeable to this. In order to alleviate Senator Chambers' concerns and I think to move the bill forward, accommodating both sides, the motion before you is the motion to reconsider. The process that we need to do that is, is that you'll have to vote yes to reconsider, and when the Raikes amendment comes up vote no. That way, that will remove the Raikes amendment from the bill and will allow us to move the bill forward, understanding the current process that's currently in place at the department alleviates Senator Chambers' concerns, and by taking the "relative" language out of the bill, "relative" being the actual definition of "relative," we can move the bill forward, hopefully, to Final Reading and allow the bill, with its intended goal of accessing the federal funds necessary, to be approved. So I would encourage your vote on the motion to reconsider. I know it's getting late, close to lunch, but I appreciate your patience in sticking with us. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, on the motion to reconsider.